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SUBJECT: PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

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INFORMATION

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT EVENT IN SAN JOSE

On December 8, 2005, the City of San José participated in the first "National Day of Project Homeless Connect" facilitated by the U. S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The purpose of this event was to connect the City's chronically homeless population to a wide range of services while engaging the broader public to combat homelessness.

San José held the PHC at the San José McEnery Convention Center. Over 24 social service agencies set up service stations, including two fully staffed medical vans from the Santa Clara County Valley Homeless Health Program and Gardner Family Health Network. Other participating agencies included: CityTeam Ministries, EHC LifeBuilders, Community Technology Alliance, InnVision, Family Supportive Housing (S.J. Family Shelter), Housing for Independent People, Community Homeless Alliance Ministry (CHAM), and the Veterans Administration. The County of Santa Clara provided social services including Medicaid, Food Stamps, General Assistance, and mental health, and drug and alcohol referral services. The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara accepted over 500 applications for 25 rental subsidy vouchers available for eligible chronically homeless persons.

During San José's first Project Homeless Connect, approximately 700 total individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness were assisted. An estimated 230 volunteers responded to the City's call for help, including many private residents on the City and team sponsored by Netflix. More than 250 individuals received medical screening and services, including 13 individuals who had not previously accessed the social support system. Free voice-mail boxes were provided to 15 individuals to help ensure a stable point of contact, a key barrier to gaining employment. The Social Security Administration opened five new cases, received requests to reopen 30 cases and scheduled 25 follow-up appointments. Through the Citywide sock drive, sponsored by the Housing Department, City employees donated 580 pairs of new socks, which were provided to the attendees. Gift bags were distributed that included hygiene items and sweatshirts donated by EHC LifeBuilders. CityTeam Ministries provided hot lunches to over 600 attendees and volunteers.

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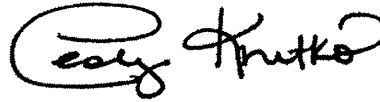
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Several City departments participated and contributed to making PHC a successful event. In particular, the General Services Department, Police Department, Environmental Services Department, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement Division all contributed. Special recognition should be made to the Convention Center staff, who provided excellent customer service to ensure the event's success.

The Housing Department is planning to host the second Project Homeless Connect in San José in March 2006. Details of the event will sent to you as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call me at 535-3851.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslye Krutko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "K".

LESLYE KRUTKO
Director of Housing